

opening of the Biobusiness Accelerator, the newest addition to the Fitzsimons Life Science District and the Anschutz Medical Campus of Aurora.

The 184-acre Fitzsimons Life Science District is adjacent to the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado. This proximity encourages commercial bioscience companies and academia to collaborate and share amenities. The current business Incubator opened in 2000, and already its 50+ bioscience start-ups have created in excess of 600 jobs.

When these start-ups have demonstrated viability as a commercial entity and received funding to enhance their growth, they graduate to the Accelerator environment for continued growth. The work happening in these incubators and accelerators shows the innovation, risks and cooperation involved in building successful small, medium and large businesses.

The new Accelerator will be a valuable economic engine for Colorado's bioscience industry, and I'm excited to see the creativity and innovative products developed right here in Colorado.

These are the kinds of businesses we need to encourage and to grow here in our state and country.

I extend my deepest congratulations and best wishes to the Colorado BioBusiness Accelerator, the Colorado Biosciences Association and all the startups and businesses involved in the opening of this new center.

#### OVARIAN CANCER

#### HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 773—the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act.

The incredible team at the National Cancer Institute has provided extraordinary research that has been vital to our ability to combat cancer in all its forms.

Still, research for the deadliest cancers—called recalcitrant cancers—remains only a small portion of the Institute's total funding.

Recalcitrant cancers are defined by those that average a less than fifty percent survival rate beyond five years.

It's these cancers, which hide in hard-to-detect places, that can be the most dangerous for victims and most painful for families.

I know this to be true, Mr. Speaker, because my dear friend from childhood, Mrs. Kathryn Elliot Williams, lost a grueling battle with ovarian cancer earlier this year at the young age of 36. Elliot wasn't just my friend. She was a loving wife, a nurturing mother, a daughter, a sister and a true servant of her Lord and her neighbor.

After Elliot passed away I came to this floor to memorialize her life. But I cannot think of a better way to honor her memory than for the Congress to do its part to ensure that more women faced with this terrible disease have hope for the future.

September, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, is the most appropriate time to remind women young and old of the risks and ensure that research for ovarian cancer and other recalcitrant cancers will remain a priority for this country.

#### HONORING THE DAKOTA JAZZ CLUB

#### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Dakota Jazz Club for its contribution to the music industry and musical development of the great state of Minnesota.

The Dakota Jazz Club opened in 1985 at Bandana Square in St. Paul as a bar and restaurant for local jazz performers. Since then it has grown to a well-recognized institution featuring performances by a range of national artists. In 2003, the Club moved to its current home in Nicollet Mall in Downtown Minneapolis. Its stage has hosted a multitude of nationally famous jazz musicians, including: Ray Brown, McCoy Tyner, Toots Thielemans, Joey DeFrancesco, Ahmad Jamal, Chucho Valdés, Benny Green, Joe Williams, Bobby Hutcherson, Roy Haynes, Arturo Sandoval, Wallace Roney, Charles Lloyd, Roy Hargrove, Nicholas Payton, Larry Coryell, Pat Martino, Jack McDuff, Jimmy McGriff, Sonny Fortune, Frank Morgan, Zakir Hussain, Kurt Elling, Joshua Redman, James Carter, Madeleine Peyroux, Regina Carter, Patricia Barber, Von Freeman, Billy Higgins and Charles Brown.

The Dakota Jazz Club also operates the Dakota Live Record Label, a label dedicated to capturing and distributing world class jazz from their legendary stage in Minnesota. Some of the noted artists that have recorded for the label are legendary jazz musicians Von Freeman, Nachito Herrera, and Barbara Morrison.

The Dakota Jazz Club's passion for jazz extends beyond hosting musical performances and contributing to the history of jazz at large. The Dakota Jazz Club has also taken it upon itself to ensure the future of jazz in Minnesota through their Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education. Started in 1997, the Foundation's purpose is: "Introducing young people to jazz and helping them understand—and care about—what they are hearing. We want to help young people use jazz for self-expression and communication, and to experience the sheer pleasure that comes from responding to its challenges." The Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education supports a variety of services including offering scholarships for a year of serious extra-curricular jazz study and performance in partnership with the MacPhail Center for Music, helping young musicians develop and hone their skills in jazz appreciation, promoting a wide variety of workshops, funding the Youth Stage at the Twin Cities Jazz Festival held each June in St. Paul, and recognizing outstanding educators in honor of Jane Matteson, the benefactor and cofounder of the Foundation.

I commend the Dakota Jazz Club for all it has done for the Twin Cities, and I thank them for their dedication and service to music and the community.

#### HONORING COL. ROBERT FORTNAM, USAF (RET.) OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Air Force Colonel Robert Fortnam of Pembroke, a New Hampshire hero whose service and sacrifice during World War II is to be commended and remembered. Mr. Fortnam is celebrating his 90th birthday this year, and in his 90 years, he has seen and experienced more than most Americans ever will in their lifetimes.

Mr. Fortnam served as a B-17 co-pilot in the 305th Bombardment Group during World War II. On October 8, 1943, his life changed dramatically after his plane was shot down by a German F-190 fighter over the German border. Mr. Fortnam landed the plane safely and protected the lives of the 10 crew members on board, but their luck would change when German guards picked them up and sent them off to a POW camp in Poland, where Mr. Fortnam spent the next 19 months of his life.

After the war, Mr. Fortnam returned to the Granite State, where he graduated from the University of New Hampshire, became a mechanical engineer, and continued to serve in the Reserves as a colonel until his retirement. Mr. Fortnam still likes to fly once a week in a Cessna Skyhawk and travel all over New England.

Mr. Speaker, stories like Mr. Fortnam's reaffirm my commitment to those who have served and continue to serve our nation. We all owe Mr. Fortnam and the brave men and women of our armed forces a debt of gratitude that we can never truly repay, but we will continue fighting for them as they have fought for us.

New Hampshire citizens have long answered the call to service to our nation, and Mr. Fortnam represents the best of our state. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best as he continues to share his incredible story of service and sacrifice with us all.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

#### HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize October 10 as a very special day for the people of Taiwan. It is their National Day. I join them in celebrating their continued political freedom and democracy. Today the people of Taiwan determine their own destiny and government through free and fair elections. Mr. Ma Ying-jeou won re-election as the fifth freely elected president on January 14, 2012.

The United States and Taiwan value human rights, civil liberties, a free press and the rule of law. Our shared values have produced a strong and dependable friendship for the past century. Taiwan was one of the first countries to come to our aid after Hurricane Katrina ravaged my home state of Louisiana. They have

shown generosity and compassion by donating to the reconstruction effort.

In honoring Taiwan's National Day, we need to continue to support their efforts under the framework of the Taiwan Relations Act, to ensure that our ally has the capability to defend herself. Moreover, as Taiwan is our 10th largest trading partner, I believe we should seek ways to further enhance the bilateral trade relationship.

To the people of Taiwan, I extend my congratulations on their National Day. Our mutual relations will continue to be strengthened in future years.

#### HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES ON NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day and to express my gratitude to the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who have suffered unimaginable hardships as prisoners of war and to those courageous service members who remain missing in action.

One of the great tragedies of war is the inability of a family to lay a beloved fallen service member in a final appropriate resting place at home here in the United States. Sadly, since World War II, the families of over 84,000 servicemen and women are left to wonder the fate of their family member who went missing in action. My thoughts and prayers go out to these service members and their families; that these Americans heroes may find peace, and that one day we can return them home.

During the same time period, more than 138,000 brave American service members have been detained as prisoners of war, with many suffering through barbaric treatment by their captors. POWs have seen and experienced some of the most horrific acts of which mankind is capable, and they certainly deserve our unending recognition and gratitude. The loyalty and bravery they demonstrate while at the hands of our enemies cannot be overstated.

While we pause to remember the sacrifice so many brave men and women have made for our country, we must also thank those who have worked tirelessly to find and return home those who went missing. The Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) is responsible for the investigation and recovery process for missing service members. The DPMO also works closely with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, or JPAC, which is responsible for worldwide investigations, recoveries, and identifications. Together, and with other dedicated private organizations, DPMO and JPAC do the difficult work of bringing our service members home to rest and bringing closure to their families.

I was honored to be a part of the effort of JPAC returning to the south Pacific island of Betio, where the historic battle of Tarawa took place in World War II. One of the first Marine beach assaults of the war, an entrenched Japanese force inflicted immense casualties on U.S. forces, yet after 76 hours of battle, our victorious troops raised the American flag

above the battlefield. Unfortunately, among the 1100 Marines, soldiers and sailors lost in this engagement, 564 remain unrecovered and lost in battle. Following language I was able to include in a defense authorization bill in 2010, JPAC has returned to Tarawa for one recovery mission in 2010, and plans another for next year. I will continue to promote the recovery of these servicemen until they are home.

Since 1979, our nation has observed National POW/MIA Recognition Day to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families. That year, Congress passed a resolution to mark the third Friday of September as a day to ensure Americans would never forget. I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to take a moment today to remember those who sacrificed for our freedom.

We are all forever indebted to these men and women, and on this somber day, we must reiterate our promise that "We will not forget."

#### HONORING AARON RILEY BRADSHAW

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron Riley Bradshaw. Aaron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Aaron has refused to see his autism as a handicap, but rather as an opportunity to grow and thrive as an individual. His journey to the rank of Eagle Scout has been an inspiration for his friends, fellow scouts and especially his family, all of whom are extremely proud of what he has accomplished as an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aaron Riley Bradshaw for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL GEAR UP WEEK

**HON. CHAKA FATTAH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, last week the nation celebrated National GEAR UP Week. Communities across the country committed themselves to a brighter future for their students and families and emphasized the important role college plays in future success. I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to a few of these celebrations. Governors in Arizona, Hawaii, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Washington, Wisconsin and North

Carolina received proclamations from their governors. In Santa Ana and Sacramento, California and Roswell, New Mexico, they received proclamations from their mayors.

Our colleagues Mr. LUNGREN and Ms. MATSUI issued proclamations celebrating the GEAR UP work in their Districts. In San Marcos, California they hosted an inaugural GEAR UP partnership reception with their local Chamber of Commerce and presented certificates of recognition to Congressman HUNTER and State Senator Mark Wyland. In Waterbury, Connecticut they held a middle school parent evening and were joined by special guest NBA star, Ryan Gomes. Congressman HANNA issued a proclamation and Congressman REYES presented a letter to the GEAR UP community in Deep South Texas. Congressman CUELLAR spoke to students in Laredo, Texas along with Debra Saunders-White from the US Department of Education.

Many other GEAR UP partnership and state grantees conducted college scavenger hunts, created Dream Walls, discussed the college experience of school faculty and staff and engaged parents and partners.

I'm proud of the hard work of our students, their parents, and GEAR UP program staff and I know I speak for this body when I say congratulations on what you have accomplished so far and best of luck in the school year ahead!

#### CONGRATULATING MS. DIANE SCHRIER FOR COMPLETING THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART'S SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTE

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2012*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Diane Schrier of Ocala, Florida, a teacher at Fort King Middle School, upon her completion of the National Gallery of Art's Annual Summer Teacher Institute. During the National Gallery's six-day seminar, Ms. Schrier intensively studied the foundation of twentieth-century art by examining the pioneering artists of French impressionism and post-impressionism.

In order for participants to be accepted in to the Gallery's Teacher Institute seminar, they must first complete a rigorous application process. Ms. Schrier was one of only forty-five teachers from across the nation chosen to participate in this year's National Gallery of Art's Teacher Institute. From this seminar, teachers are able to return to their schools and students with new tools and ideas that will enhance education curriculum of all grade levels and subjects. The students of Central Florida are blessed to have such a dedicated educator as Ms. Schrier.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Ms. Diane Schrier on her acceptance to and successful completion of the National Gallery of Art's Annual Summer Teacher Institute. May her dedication to our nation's educational institutions and students inspire others to follow in her footsteps.